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DRAFT Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

DuPage County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present:

Ken Mirabella (for Jerry Conrad), Roger Dahlstrom, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, David Dubois, Karie Friling, David Galowich, Dennis Sandquist, Karen Stonehouse, Kai Tarum, Nathaniel Werner

Members Absent:

Mark Avery, Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Ken Johnson, Jim LaBelle, Ed Paesel, Robert Palmer, Tim Savage, Heather Smith, Heather Tabbert, Nancy Williamson, Norm West

Staff Present:

Ty Warner (staff liaison to the committee), Erin Aleman, Andrew Williams-Clark, Bob Dean, Shana Alford, Kristin Heery, Paul Riese

Others Present:

Ryan Richter, Metra; Paul Heltne and Anja Claus, Center for Humans and Nature; Paul Lauricella, DuPage County; Mike Walczak, Northwest Municipal Conference

For Brownfields panel: Reggie Greenwood, South Suburban Mayors and Managers; Deborah Orr, USEPA; Jim Vanderkloot, USEPA; Gary J. Deigan, Deigan & Associates, LLC (Environmental Consultants)

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

As both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee were absent, Ty Warner called the meeting to order at 9:20 am

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Following introductions, Warner outlined the flow of the agenda, with the webinar to begin at 10am.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 15th, 2008

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 15th meeting was made by David

DuBoise and seconded by Ken Mirabella. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Legislative Update

Bob Dean gave an update on the Federal Government's proposed Economic Recovery Act and how CMAP views its role in the coordination of regional infrastructure projects that this Act may allow for (including: environmental, energy, housing, and transportation projects). CMAP needs to be prepared for this process if it happens. In response to this legislation, CMAP would need to develop a set of regional priorities and look at the long-term impacts of proposed investments. As an agency we are already well-positioned to coordinate these projects.

The committee discussed the importance of not slowing down the process, and also the importance of adding value not complication to the process. It was clarified that CMAP has not been asked to do anything by the federal government as this point in time, but rather is preparing in case there is a place for CMAP to be involved. Comments from the Land Use Committee are welcome and CMAP would appreciate them in the next week.

The committee also discussed the idea of CMAP holding a "warehouse" of projects that are out there. There was also interest by the Committee in being involved in some hands-on land-use decisions though the proposed legislation.

At this time CMAP has received a list of IDOT priorities and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has started to reach out and gather lists of projects from municipalities. First, we need to understand what types of projects will be allowed in this fund. The latest version of this Bill has money available for brownfields. At this time the bill has no language on local matches. The committee also noted that both the water reclamation districts and forest preserve districts have priority projects that they could move forward quickly.

5.0 Land Use Committee Schedule and Membership:

The Committee received a schedule of the anticipated 2009 meeting dates. Warner began a brief discussion on whether or not the standing committee meeting should remain on the third Wednesday of the month. This meeting time has been challenging to Nancy Williamson, who will miss half the meetings, and Dennis Sandquist communicated that this time is inconvenient with this new schedule at McHenry County. Kristi DeLaurentiis indicated she would be missing multiple meetings in 2009 as well. Dave Galowich conveyed that he always runs up against standing committee schedules no matter what they are. Kai Tarum suggested that a poll of the Committee be attempted using a webbased scheduling service. It was also mentioned, based on technology being used for today's webinar, that it may be possible to provide for Committee interaction via other electronic means that may not necessitate meeting in person on occasion.

The CMAP Board has moved its November meeting to the 18th of that month because of Veteran's Day, and this will conflict with the standing Land Use Committee meeting time.

It was agreed that since much should be happening with *Go To 2040* at that time, instead of cancelling this meeting outright, the Committee will make a determination in September on when or if to hold November's meeting.

Warner then distributed a list of Committee members, tracking their participation and attendance on the Land Use Committee since it began meeting independently from the NIPC Planning Committee in July of 2007 (which followed the dissolution of NIPC). Sam Assefa is no longer employed the City of Chicago's Department of Planning due to reorganization and staffing cuts, and so is no longer on the Committee. Keith Eichorst's NRCS field office was closed and he was recalled to military service, and the Committee has not had a replacement representing the area of agriculture. Dennis Sandquist is still on the Committee but is now with McHenry County rather than Lake; Sandquist indicated that Lake County was interested in maintaining a representative, which resulted in a brief discussion about already having four counties on the Committee, and whether there was wisdom in having five of seven counties represented, or, if as many as five, whether the Committee should just have all seven counties represented at that point.

As they have never attended a Land Use Committee meeting or responded to notices, former NIPC commissioners Jackie Tredup and Mark Ruby will be removed from membership. Ken Johnson of Wooddale also has not attended a meeting of the Land Use Committee in 18 months at least, and so a replacement should be found; though it was pointed out that five municipal members were already added to the Committee, and Ed Paesel is on the Committee from the South Suburban Mayors and Managers, so a replacement of an additional municipal representative may not be needed above these six with a municipal focus. At the time the five additional municipal members were added, Karie Friling of Orland Park and Nathaniel Werner of Elmhurst were designated as "alternate members," but it was never clear what that designation meant or how it was to work; they have been essentially treated as "regular" members.

Warner then distributed some discussion questions for the Committee to consider in order to "take the pulse" of the Land Use Committee as it heads into 2009. These questions were:

- Are we meeting at the right time?
- Are we the right composition?
- Are we the right size?
- Have we been talking about the right things?
- Have these meetings been worth your time?
- Do you feel you've been able to contribute to CMAP's mission?

Without time to discuss these questions before the webinar was scheduled to begin, Warner invited the Committee to consider how they would answer these questions, and forward any comments to him or Chairman Mark Avery, begin an email dialogue, or otherwise place this item on a future committee agenda for discussion.

6.0 Brownfield Remediation Strategy Panel Meeting:

Following a short break in order to set up for web participation, Kristin Heery presented a "sample program" for brownfield remediation in northeastern Illinois, with two call-in webinar participants. This presentation can be reviewed at: https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/343121895

7.0 Next scheduled meeting: February 18th, 2009

A similar panel and webinar on the subject of Parks is planned for February's meeting.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by David Dubois and seconded by Ken Mirabella. The Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ty Warner AICP, Committee Liaison

Notes compiled with the assistance of Erin Aleman.